(c) whether any decision has been taken thereon; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Six.

(c) On examination, no discrimination was found in any of the six cases.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Written off coal stocks in coal subsidiaries

1791. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of written off coal stocks of different subsidiaries, subsidiary-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was a shortage of physical stock and book stock;

(c) whether the responsibility therefor has been fixed on any body in the respective companies; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) According to the information received from Coal India Limited during 1991-92, 2.43 lakh tonnes of coal stock was written off in Eastern Coalfields Limited and 0.79 lakh tonnes of coal stock was written off in Bharat Coking Coal Limited.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Wherever stock shortages beyond permissible limits have been detected suitable disciplinary action has been taken against erring officials after due enquiry, as per rules.

Joint Working Groups on Coal

1792. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Joint Working Groups on Coal have been set up at Government level with some foreign countries to identify areas and projects for bilateral co-operation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far by the Joint Working Groups in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Joint Working Groups on Coal have been set up at Govt. level with Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Poland, Russia and UK for identification of areas and projects for bilateral cooperation. Through deliberations held in these Working Groups a number of projects for introduction of new mining technologies like Powered Support Longwall Mining; Sublevel caving; gallery blasting, descending shield mining etc. for underground mines and inpit crushing for opencast mines have been taken up.

कोयला क्षेत्र में अप्रयुक्त मशीनें

1793. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 30-6-93 की स्थिति के अनुसार देश के विभिन्न कोयला क्षेत्रों में एक वर्ष से अधिक अवधि से क्षेत्र-वार और कम्पनी-वार कुल कितनी-कितनी मशीनें बेकार और अप्रयुक्त पड़ी हुई हैं;

(ख) इन मशीनों की कीमत क्या है;

(ग) क्या इन अनुपयोगी मशीनों के निपटान तथा अप्रयुक्त मशीनों को उपयोग में लाने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही की जा रही है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) अनुपयोगी हो चुकी मशीनों में से कितनी मशीनें मानवीय गलतियों के कारण अनुपयोगी हुई और कितनी मशीनें अपनी कार्यविधि पूर्ण होने के बाद अनुपयोगी हुई?